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PLANTATION IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 27890 hectare of land has been brought under plantation in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of farmers benefited therefrom;

(d) whether any arrangement has been made to bring the production of these plantations into the market;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): As per available information, the area under plantations in Andaman and Nicobar Islands is about 29681 hectares which includes Coconut (25000 hectare), Arecanut (3600 hectare) and Cashewnut (1081 hectare). Under Area expansion scheme of the Coconut Development Board 5562 farmers have been benefited. There is no programme for expansion of area under Arecanut.

(d) to (f): Financial assistance is provided by the Government to Andaman NicobarCooperative Supply and Marketing Federation Ltd., and other Cooperative societies/Organizations in the Union Territory for development of infrastructure for post-harvest handling and processing which helps in marketing of the produce. National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) issupporting marketing of coconut by implementing Price Support Scheme under whichthe agency has procured 11430 MT of copra in Andaman & Nicobar during 2000 crop season.